

Stafford Hamlet Community Meeting
February 9, 2009
West Linn Adult Community Center

Board Members Present: Sally Quimby, Carol Yamada, John Kuhl, Jay Minor, Ann Culter, David Halseth, Molly Ellis, Mike Stewart, Jack English

Excused: David Coles

Vision Committee Chair: Scott Richmond

County Persons: Chris Roth, Amy Cleary

OCP: Elizabeth Normand, Ann Bazar

City Representative: Sid Sin

Community Members: Dave Adams, Walt Gamble, Adam Klugman, Barb Richmond, Mike Miller

Meeting was called to order by Jay Minor, Chair at 7:15PM.

Review of January Town Hall

Elizabeth Normand reported there was a high degree of consensus on the 6 points of agreement and a lot of input on what additional things people would like addressed. Dave A commented that the use of colored cards may have diminished people's willingness to hold up a red card because of embarrassment over standing out. Mike Stewart and Walt Gamble added they both felt their groups had a rich discussion with various property owner representatives.

February and March Town Halls

Dave A. expressed concern over the reduction in attendance at the Town Halls. Sally Quimby added that between the two January Town Halls there was probably 10 new people. Elizabeth responded that since last Spring's big Town Hall the numbers have been steady, around 40 people. Walt queried whether we could be satisfied if only that many people showed for the vote, and that people from his neighborhood have lost interest. David Halseth and Sally agreed regarding their neighbors.

Sally stated she believes it is important to have a second date. Jay Minor suggested putting the Vision Statement on the website and people could vote online. Elizabeth commented controlling one vote/person is difficult; the website could be better used for advertising and as a source for people to get educated.

Discussion about publicity for March Town Hall.

Adam Klugman suggested making an informational video and putting it on YouTube. Adam will work with Dave to put together the video immediately after the Town Hall on the 14th. Vision Committee and Board members will discuss the Vision Statement in the video following the Saturday Town Hall.

It was suggested that a letter to all Hamlet owners be sent with basic information included for review before coming to the March Town Hall to vote. Carol and Mike said they would work on a letter. (No more than 2 pages back-to-back) Sally and Ann will

coordinate with Chris (copies) and Amy (folding) to have the letter mailed by March 6. Dave A offered to do signs; Sally will check what she has in her shed. There needs to be discussion with press to have this be in the Oregonian, LO Review and WL Tidings. Dave A. and Mike S. will talk with Dana Timms at the Oregonian. Sally will put the info in for the calendar at the Community Papers and on the website calendar.

Tracey Tolbert will help with the email, taking over from Sally. Sally will work with Jay to get information for the March Town Hall on the website (hopefully the vision statement when finalized after the February Town Halls).

Vision Statement Update

Scott Richmond stated the Community Vision Statement should look like the Values Statement. The Statement will be relatively concise and addendum will be the "Vision Report" with detailed info. John Kuhl queried whether just a statement would meet the by-laws rule of a plan. Elizabeth responded that it is important to be careful with terminology, but there isn't anything in the by-laws on what a "plan" is.

Walt Gamble suggested starting with the Vision Statement, the Values Statement, then define the document's purpose, then the lengthy sections. Molly expressed concern that the current Vision Statement reads like a plan for development and that the community needs assurances that development will work with the community. Adam added that having a development or preservation bias is ok, and reiterated Molly's point that the Vision Statement needs to work to preserve the two interests. Combining the Values Statement with the Vision Statement is important, but a responsible Vision Statement should reveal the values and stand on its own.

Sally stated there is still the choice of having 3 statements to vote on, or people with different perspectives could work directly with Scott to reduce bias in the Vision Statement. Carol added she was disturbed by the supporting information and felt the draft of the Vision Statement lacked depth. Jay suggested a Vision Statement could be facilitated at the Town Hall. Elizabeth responded that it would not be workable, we need to give people something and have them give feedback. There is no way to negotiate the text of a document among people who have not been deeply involved in the process. Scott added that to leave the Statement to the Town Hall is shirking our responsibility. This discussion will be continued into the Board meeting.

Jay Minor adjourned the Community Meeting at 8:30P. All participants were invited to stay for the Board meeting and continued discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Quimby
Hamlet Secretary